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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, VC, US

SUBJECT: CAPE VERDE PRESIDENT'S PLANNEL

BISIT TO U.S.

REF A STATE 199012, B BISSAU 0453

1. CAPE VERDEAN CONSUL GENERAL IN BOSTON, ESMERALDO DOS SANTOS LOPES DOS REIS CALLED ON ME TODAY SAYING HE HAD BEEN SENT TO BISSAU (HIS FIRST EVER VISIT HERE) BY PRESIDENT PEREIRA TO EXPLAIN TO EMBASSY PEREIRA'S DECISION NOT TO ATTEND UNGA THIS FALL AND NOT TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. HE EXPLAINED THAT AMBASSADOR VARELA HAD GOTTEN IMPRESSION IN WASHINGTON WHICH HE CONVEYED TO PEREIRA THAT LINKING A NPEREIRA/ CARTER MEETING TO ATTENDANCE AT UNGA DECREASED THE LIKELIHOOD OF SETTING UP THE CALL ON PRESIDENT CARTER. SINCE ACCORDING TO DOS REIS, THE CALL WAS THE PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF THE TRIP, PEREIRA PREFERRED TO DEFER VISIT AT THIS TIME IN HOPES OF ARRANGING VISIT NEXT YEAR NOT CONNECTED TO UNGA.

2. I EXPLAINED DEPARTMENT'S POLICY IN REGARD TO SUCH VISITS POINTING OUT DIFFICULTIES OF PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE AND NEED FOR LONG LEAD TIME IN PLANNING. I ALSO EXPLAINED DIFFERENCES  
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BETWEEN STATE, OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE VISITS AND DOS REIS OPINED THAT WHAT PEREIRA HAD IN MIND WAS AN OFFICIAL VISIT. I TOLD HIM I WOULD TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON.

3. DOS REIS INSISTED PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF PEREIRA'S INTENDED TRIP AND PROJECTED FUTURE TRIP WAS TO REINFORCE GOOD RELATIONS WITH U.S., THANK U.S. FOR ASSISTANCE SO FAR RECEIVED AND

TO ASK FOR MORE UNSPECIFIED ASSISTANCE. SECONDARY PURPOSE WOULD BE TO VISIT ONE OR TWO AREAS OF U.S. WHICH HAD LARGE CAPE VERDEAN EMIGRANT COMMUNITIES.

4. COMMENT: SEDNING OF DO REIS, WHO IS CLOSE FRIEND AND CONFIDENT OF PRESIDENT PEREIRA, TO EXPLAIN REAL REASON BEHIND CANCELLATION OF VISIT, I.E. NOT BECAUSE PRESIDENT IS TOO INVOLVED IN PREPARATION FOR THIRD PARTY CONGRESS, IS INDICATION SERIOUSNESS PEREIRA'S INTENTION TO VISIT U.S. THAT THE CONSUL GENERAL IN BOSTON IS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE TRIP IS AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF QUOTE SECONDARY PURPOSE UNQUOTE OF TRIP. EMBASSY VIEWS ON EVENTUAL CARTER/PEREIRA MEETING REMAIN AS STATED REF (B).

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST UPDATED GUIDANCE ON RESPONDING TO SUCH REQUESTS AS SUBJECT WILL NO DOUBT COME UP AGAIN DURING UPCOMING VISIT TO PRAIA.  
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